

United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-301

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 3, 2006

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 037

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to schools and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central time, Thursday, August 17, 2006. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 31, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2006 through January 31, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen RTP 5+1 Cherries 30-lb. plastic containers 6,400 cases Frozen RTP, IQF Cherries 40-lb. 7,680 cases

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2006 and/or later crop year.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.
- No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.



Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable
as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug
Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability
of the product (NO tray packs).

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-301, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-301, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

INVITATION : 037 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN COMM TYPE : 08 CHERRIES, RTP, 5+1, FRZ PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB PLASTIC CONTAINER DESTINATION TRANS QUANTITY PRICE PER CITY ST RESTR (CSE) (CSE) ITEM NO DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/06 - 12/15/06 001 CLEVELAND OH TRUCK ONLY 1,280 002 DAYTON 2,560 OH 003 OBETZ OH TRUCK ONLY 1,280 DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/07 - 01/15/07 004 LINCOLN 960 NE320 NE TRUCK ONLY OMAHA TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 6,400 COMM TYPE : 09 CHERRIES, RED TART PITTED, IQF PACK SIZE : 40 40 LB CTN DESTINATION TRANS QUANTITY PRICE PER ITEM CITY ST RESTR (CSE) (CSE) NO DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/06 - 11/30/06 005 CREEDMOOR NC TRUCK ONLY 618 SALISBURY NC TRUCK ONLY 342 006 SALT LAKE CITY UT TRUCK ONLY 960

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007 POMONA CA TRUCK ONLY

960

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ITEM NO	DESTINATI CITY		TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 1		2/01/0	6 - 12/15/06		
008 C	LEVELAND	ОН	TRUCK ONLY	960	
009 D	AYTON	ОН		1,920	
010 01	BETZ	ОН	TRUCK ONLY	960	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/07 - 01/31/07					
	OS ANGELES OMONA		TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	240 720	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 7,680					
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 14,080					

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Commodity Procurement Branch Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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